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## **CITED AS A MODEL IN THE FIELD OF WASTE DIVERSION, CONSIGLI GARNERS 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL “WASTE WISE” AWARD**

Consigli Construction Company of Milford is the first recipient of the “Massachusetts Waste Wise Construction Recycling Leadership Award” presented jointly by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

From Left: John Tessicini, Controller - Consigli Construction, Jim Colman, MA DEP; Matthew Consigli, Vice President - Consigli Construction and Vance Freymann, Director of Project Development - Consigli Construction. Consigli was given the top mark due to its leadership in the construction industry by adopting a protocol for the diversion of construction and demolition (C&D) debris. Instead of direct disposal, Consigli incorporates a progressive source-separation strategy and intensive recycling into its construction business philosophy and approach.

In making the award presentation, DEP Assistant Commissioner James Colman stated, “Consigli Construction has been a terrific partner to the DEP in our efforts to divert C&D debris from landfills. They are demonstrating that a company can improve the environment and their own bottom line through aggressive and strategic recycling and reuse strategies. They are most deserving recipient of our first Construction Recycling Leadership Award.”



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EPA WasteWise team member Charles Heizenroth added, “EPA is very impressed with Consigli’s dedication to recycling C&D waste. We are also excited to be working with the DEP on this innovative state-federal collaboration.”

Before the start of each project, a Consigli project manager is required to develop a Waste Management Plan for all waste materials that will be generated during the construction work. The company has set an ambitious goal of recycling or reusing 50 percent of the waste generated at its construction projects. To monitor progress toward that goal, Consigli’s Environmental Protection Committee meets monthly and reviews the status of the waste management activities of each project and of the company as a whole. In addition, Consigli conducts specific orientation and training programs for employees and subcontractors, all of whom are expected to comply with the plan.

Company representatives have worked closely with the DEP in developing “case studies” of various Consigli projects that demonstrate innovative source separation techniques and cost/benefit analysis. The *DEP Beyond 2000 Solid Waste Master Plan* has a goal of 88 percent

reduction of waste construction and demolition debris. In addition to providing technical and financial assistance to companies involved in recycling construction materials, the DEP has issued draft amendments to its Solid Waste Management Facility Regulations to ban the disposal of certain construction materials, including wood, metal, asphalt paving, brick and concrete.

In accepting the award, Matthew Consigli, vice president of operations, said, “Consigli is honored to receive this prestigious award. Our achievements in waste reduction would not have been possible without the sincere efforts of all Consigli employees, our subcontractors, and the partnership we’ve established with the DEP. In addition to benefiting the environment, we have been able to reduce our overall disposal costs, demonstrating that green practices can also be good business practices. As industry leaders, we look forward to implementing even more environmental initiatives in the future.

The “Waste Wise Construction Recycling Leadership Award” is a collaboration between the DEP and the EPA and is given to companies that demonstrate recycling leadership, sustainability and innovation.

The Department of Environmental Protection is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills, and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.